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NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF PANCHAYAT RAJ

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TELANGANA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

ORDINARY ELECTIONS TO GRAM PANCHAYATS, 2019

No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018-7.- Whereas, in reference No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01-01-2019 the State Election Commission issued Notification for conduct of Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats in three phases in the State.

And whereas, the Nallavaripally Gram Panchayat of Madgul Mandal in Ranga Reddy District is notified for election in Phase-II.

And whereas, as per the election schedule notified in the Annexure-I appended to the Notification No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01.01.2019, the date of poll of Gram Panchayats notified in Phase-II of election is from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M on 25.01.2019.

And whereas, in Lr.No. 325/2019-B1(Elc), dated 25.1.2019, the Collector and District and Election Authority, Ranga Reddy District reported that, the poll process, ward member of Ward No. 8, Nallavaripally Gram Panchayat, Madgul Mandal in Ranga Reddy District was started from 7.00 A.M on 25.01.2019 and around at 8.30 A.M it was noticed that, 2+1 NOTA (i.e., 2 election symbols allotted to contesting candidates + NOTA symbol) ballot papers were issued to the voters instead of 3+1 NOTA (i.e., 3 election symbols allotted to contesting candidates + NOTA symbol) ballot papers. When it was brought to the notice of the District Panchayat Officer, the Election process to the said ward was stopped and election process to the office of Sarpanch was continued in the said ward.

And whereas, the State Election Commission, after careful examination of the matter and taking all material circumstances into account, decided to re-notify fresh poll for the office of Ward member of Ward No. 8 of Nallavaripally Gram Panchayat of Madgul Mandal in Ranga Reddy District synchronizing it to Phase-III of poll.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under article 243 K of the Constitution of India, Section 230 (1)(c) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 and Rule 6 of Rules relating to Conduct of Elections, 2018, the State Election Commission, hereby, declares the poll conducted for the office of Ward member of Ward No. 8 of Nallavaripally Gram Panchayat of Madgul Mandal in Ranga Reddy District on 25.01.2019 as void and direct that a fresh poll shall be conducted for the said ward on 30.01.2019 from 7.00A.M to 1.00 P.M duly following the procedure prescribed under Telangana Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2018.

The Election for the office of Sarpanch of said Gram Panchayat in the said ward shall continue and the counting of votes and declaration of results of Sarpanch and other wards shall be taken up after completion of poll process of Ward No. 8 of the said Gram Panchayat.

The election to the office of Upa-Sarpanch election of Nallavaripally Gram Panchayat of Madgul Mandal in Ranga Reddy shall be conducted only after completion of election and declaration of results of Ward No. 8 of Nallavaripally Gram Panchayat of Madgul Mandal in Ranga Reddy.

The date of poll of Ward No. 8 of the said Gram Panchayat shall be informed to the contesting candidates of that ward in writing and also to voters of that ward by tom—tom in that ward.

In this election, indelible mark shall be applied on the fourth finger of left hand.

The Returning officer of Nallavaripally Gram Panchayat of Madgul Mandal shall give effect to this Notification.

No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018-8.- Whereas, in reference No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01-01-2019 the State Election Commission issued Notification for conduct of Ordinary Elections to Gram Panchayats in three phases in the State.

And whereas, the Thosham Thanda Gram Panchayat of Gudihathnoor Mandal in Adilabad District is notified for election in Phase-II.

And whereas, as per the election schedule notified in the Annexure-I appended to the Notification No. 363/TSEC-PR/2018, dated 01.01.2019, the date of poll of Gram Panchayats notified in Phase-II of Election is from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M on 25.01.2019.

And whereas, in Lr.No. 01/R2.Pt/2019, dated 25.01.2019, the Collector and District Election Authority, Adilabad District reported that, in the voter list of 3rd ward of Thosham Thanda Gram Panchayat at Sl.No. 464, the name of the voter is Ms. Rathod Monika. A person by same name Ms.Rathod Monika who is temporarily living in Thosham Thanda was given vote slip by BLO and she came to polling station of 3rd ward, showed her Aadhar card as ID proof and she cast her vote as voter at Sl.no. 464 in the voters list. Afterwards, the genuine voter Ms.Rathod Monika came to polling station to cast her vote. Then it was noticed that, already another person with the same name i.e, Rathod Monika cast her vote. Then the genuine Rathod Monika was allowed to cast tendered vote. The counting of votes of all offices of the said GP was put on hold.

Whereas, the report of the Collector and District Election Authority, Adilabad reveals the following grave irregularities in the conduct of poll process in the polling station of Ward No.3 and Sarpanch of Thosham Thand Gram Panchayat:

- 1. There was impersonation in the polling station of Ward No.3 facilitated by non verification of voter identity with ID card produced by the voter.
- 2. The polling agents did not object to the impersonation indicates either collusion among them or appointment of ineligible persons as polling agents.

And whereas, the State Election Commission, after careful examination of the matter and taking all material circumstances into account, decided that grave irregularities took place in the poll process of polling station of Ward No.3 of Thosham Thanda Gram Panchayat and it comes under the scope of Sections 230(1)(c) and 230(2) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 and hence, re-notify fresh poll for the

office of Ward No.3 and also Sarpanch in that ward of Thosham Thanda Gram Panchayat synchronizing it with Phase-III of poll.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under article 243 K of the Constitution of India and Sections 230 (1)(c) and 230(2)(a) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, the State Election Commission, hereby, declares the poll conducted for the office of Ward member of Ward No.3 and also Sarpanch in that ward of Thosham Thanda Gram Panchayat of Gudihathnoor Mandal in Adilabad District on 25.01.2019 as void and directs that a fresh poll shall be conducted for the office of Ward member of ward No. 3 and Sarpanch in that ward of said Gram Panchayat on 30.01.2019 from 7.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M duly following the procedure prescribed under Telangana Panchayat Raj (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2018.

The counting of votes of all offices of Thosham Thanda Gram Panchayat shall be taken up only after completion of poll process in ward No. 3 and for the posts of Ward Member and Sarpanch.

The election to the office of Upa-Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat shall be conducted only after declaration of results of all offices.

The date of poll of Ward No. 3 for the posts of Ward member and Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat shall be informed to all the contesting candidates of that ward and Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat in writing and also to voters of that ward by tom—tom in that ward.

In this election, indelible mark shall be applied on the ring (fourth) finger of left hand.

The Returning Officer concerned shall keep the sealed polled ballot boxes of other wards of the said Gram Panchayat in strong room under safe custody till the completion of poll process of Ward No. 3 and Sarpanch of the said Gram Panchayat. The Returning of Thosham Thand Gram Panchayat shall give effect to this Notification.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER)

Hyderabad, 25-01-2019

M. ASHOK KUMAR, *Secretary.*